

## **2. Voluntary Activities**

### **Special feature**

The federal 'Belgian' level has limited competence in youth matters. Voluntary work (more specific the legal status of volunteers) is a competence that is regulated at the federal level. It is further promoted on the Flemish level, grants of the Flemish Community are allocated to a number of (semi)public and private organisations that support voluntary activities of young people. The chapter on voluntary activities illustrates measures on Flemish, federal and local level.

### **Highlights**

Since 2016, the Flemish Minister of Youth focuses on an adequate support for (young) volunteers and voluntary work. Since November 2016, there is a Flemish coordinated policy plan on volunteering. This plan had three objectives: a better legislative framework and status, better information and support and fewer rules.